

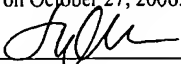


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FRONT-LIGHT

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. Copies of the foreign documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

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